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SUBJ: POSTED PRICE NEGOTIATIONS

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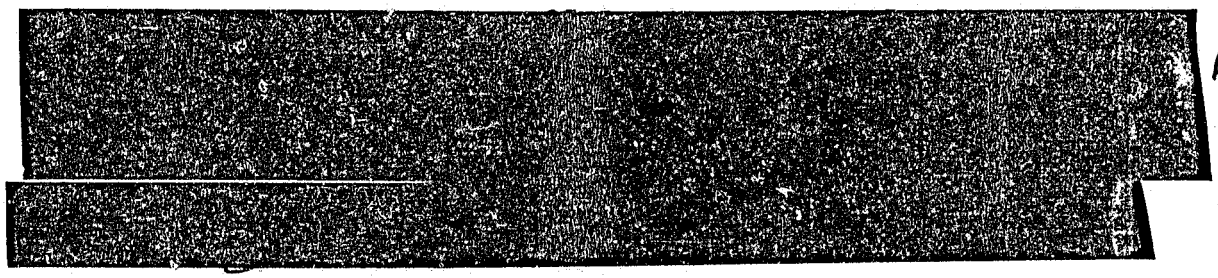

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4. COMMENT: SO FAR, LIBYAN PRICE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FOLLOWED CLASSIC PATTERN. COMPANIES' ADAMANT REFUSALS TO SUBMIT OFFER HAVE BROUGHT MINISTRY'S DEMAND FOR INCREASE DOWN FROM 44 CENTS TO AROUND 15 CENTS, BUT THERE PROBABLY IS NOT MUCH GIVE LEFT, SINCE OLD REGIME OFFICIALS HAD TALKED PUBLICLY OF 10 CENT INCREASE AND IMPERATIVES OF NEW REGIME WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE SOMETHING MORE. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER NEXT MOVE WILL BE MADE BY COMPANIES, MINISTRY OF RCC. GP-4.
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